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H.B. No. 2199

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the establishment of a seaport preliminary studies
3 grant program.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 156.251(d), Tax Code, is amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (d) An amount equal to the amount of revenue derived from
8 the collection of taxes imposed by this chapter at a rate of
9 one-half of one percent shall be allocated in the general revenue
10 fund to be used for:

11 (1) media advertising and other marketing activities
12 of the Tourism Division of the Texas Department of Commerce; and

13 (2) the seaport preliminary studies grant program
14 established under Section 55.0031, Transportation Code. [~~Section~~
15 ~~403.094(h), Government Code, does not apply to funds described in~~
16 ~~this section. This subsection takes effect October 1, 1994.~~]

17 SECTION 2. Chapter 55, Transportation Code, is amended by
18 adding Section 55.0031 to read as follows:

19 Sec. 55.0031. SEAPORT PRELIMINARY STUDIES GRANT PROGRAM.
20 The department by rule shall establish a program to provide grants
21 for use in conducting preliminary studies or obtaining permits that
22 may be required of the grant recipient to receive additional
23 financial assistance for a port security, transportation, or
24 facility project.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.